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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, JA, US

SUBJECT: THROWN SILK

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1. FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS REPORTED IN REFTEL,
CLEARLY SOME PARTS OF GOJ ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS
AND HOPE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING WHICH WILL DISSUADE
U.S. FROM RESORT TO GATT ACTION ON THROWN SILK.
KAWASAKI, HEAD OF AMERICAS-OCEANIA DIVISION OF MITI,
SUMMONED E/C MINISTER LATE JULY 22. HE SAID THAT HE
WAS SPEAKING ON A PERSONAL BASIS, URGING E/C MIN'S
PERSONAL INTERVENTION TO TRY TO WORK OUT COMPROMISE
THAT WOULD AVOID DISRUPTIVE GATT DISCUSSION OF WHAT
SHOULD BE MINOR ISSUE IN TRADE BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN.
HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET
CLEARANCE OF ALL HIS COLLEAGUES HE FELT HE COULD
SELL ANNUAL QUOTA OF 1,000 BALES.

2. KAWASAKI STRONGLY URGED THAT HIS PERSONAL INTER-
VENTION NOT BE DISCLOSED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON
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AND THAT "HIGH LEVEL" U.S. CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO
THIS EFFORT TO AVOID ELEVATING THIS ISSUE IN THE
INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF GATT.

3. WE ASSUME TO PUT HIS PROPOSAL FORWARD "ON PERSONAL
BASIS" TO SEE IF WE NIBBLE. HE DESCRIBED IT AS FINAL,
THE MOST JAPAN COULD BE EXPECTED TO DO.

4. COMMENT. WHILE EMBAASY IS NOT FULLY INFORMED OF PRESSURES UNDER WHICH WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE OPERATING IN THE THROWN SILK CASE, WE MUST SHARE KAWASAKI'S DESIRE NOT TO SEE THIS ISSUE RUFFLE GENERAL PATTERN OF U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS. POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF SILK ISSUE HERE WITH LOCAL PRODUCERS CONCENTRATED IN PRIME MINISTER'S HOME CONSTITUENCY OF GUMMA LEAVES MITI POLICY MAKERS WITH LITTLE FLEXIBILITY.
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